

SPEAKER BIOS:

Northland Community and Technical College



Michael Simmons, co-founder of Extreme Entrepreneurship Education and bestselling author of *The Student Success Manifesto: How to Create a Life of Passion, Purpose and Prosperity*, has been a keynote speaker at events and conferences from Washington State to Washington D.C. A 2005 graduate of the Stern School of Business at New York University, Michael has been able to use his work as a teacher, motivational speaker, author, and award-winning entrepreneur to deliver a unique perspective that connects with audiences.

Michael's company, Extreme Entrepreneurship Education, LLC is a New York based, media and education company dedicated to helping students plan, prioritize, and pursue their own vision in life by utilizing the entrepreneurial mindset. Its books, online community, and speaking events provide students with the tools and the inspiration that they need to create a life of passion, purpose, and prosperity. To learn more, visit <http://www.extremee.org/>

Michael co-founded his first business, Princeton WebSolutions (PWS), when he was sixteen years old. PWS was later rated the #1 youth-run web development company in the nation by Youngbiz Magazine. In addition, Michael has won three entrepreneur of the year awards from the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship, Fleet, and the National Coalition for Empowering Youth Entrepreneurship. As president of the Entrepreneurial Exchange Group (EEG) at NYU, the club received NYU's most prestigious honor for student activities, the President's Service Award. He and his company have been featured on the AOL Home Page, USA Today, ABC, NBC, and CBS. Finally, in 2006, Michael was named by Business Week as one of the Top 25 Entrepreneurs Under 25.



After only a month in college, **Josh Kowitt** founded ResFridge etc, a student-owned appliance rental business. With just one hand-truck he built the business one customer at a time. From mini-refrigerators, he moved to shipping and storage with Collegeboxes. Under Josh's leadership, Collegeboxes grew to 60 campuses. In 2006, the Wall Street Journal recognized Collegeboxes as the nation's largest collegiate shipping and storage company. In 2008, Collegeboxes was acquired by Store-to-Door.

Josh has been recognized by Inc. Magazine as a "Top 30 Entrepreneur Under 30" and by the Global Student Entrepreneur Awards. Today, Josh operates a boutique consulting firm—Josh Kowitt Consulting—to help small businesses "deliver on the promise" to their customers, employees, and stakeholders.

Josh resides in Boston and enjoys playing piano, cooking, boating, and traveling.



Arel Moodie is from Brooklyn, NY and graduated from Binghamton University with a degree in Politics, Philosophy and Law. While in college he was the founder of a successful student business organization and was the president of 4 other student organizations. His university named him the Student Organization Leader of the Year his senior year for Business/Service Organizations. In college he started his own successful Internet Company, the placefinder.com. The placefinder.com is a website that helps college students find off-campus housing, roommates, and sublets. He has won numerous entrepreneurial awards including a business plan competition, which helped fund his start-up. In addition to his company, He works as an international professional motivational speaker and has spoken to over 10,000 people in eight states and two countries all before his 23rd birthday. He is a guest lecturer at a graduate level entrepreneurship class at Binghamton University. He is known as "America's Top Young Speaker" In his spare time, Arel likes to dance and has been an opening act for the R&B group "112". He has been featured on numerous TV shows and newspapers such as Fox News and USA Today.